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In re the application of

Burbank et al.

Examiner: Charles A. Marmor, II

Group Art Unit: 3736

For:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A

PATIENT'S BODY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir.

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.